

24 March 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ch/D/E

FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT : Progress Report on COCOM Downgrading Project
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1. [REDACTED] of 7 March specified April 1 to 15 as the estimated completion date for Washington review of "existing" CG/COCOM/CHINCOM documents. EDIC/AM-8 of 16 March on "Provisional CIA Position on Downgrading of CG/COCOM/CHINCOM Documents" has been distributed for information to EDIC members. It is appropriate at this time, therefore, to furnish a report of further progress in this document review.

2. EDIC/AM-8 indicated that thirteen categories of documents had been identified, numbering some 3,000 documents (issued prior to 31 December 1954). Recommendations were made regarding eight of these on the basis of an analysis involving about 600 documents. Since preparation of this provisional CIA position statement, approximately 300 additional documents have been studied.

3. My progress report of 25 January 1955 stated that "not less than 5 working days of one analyst....will be required to complete this survey and to prepare a list of those documents which cannot be downgraded." This report was prepared in response to your request for an estimate of the magnitude of this project in terms of manhours required for its completion. Since this document survey is proceeding satisfactorily, I believe it will be completed within the deadline.

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